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EDITORIAL

COMMENTS ON EDITORIAL

A few comments on Editorial in December issue. "A Challenge." All of our National Commanders have worked hard to keep this great organization "Alive." They have given unstintingly of their time, health and even of their private fortunes to perpetuate the YDVA. Yes, they have been ably assisted by many who have served on the National Executive Committee from time to time. We are all aware of the service they have given to our organization therefore it is not to them that this challenge is issued.

Well buddy you are kind of rubbing me against the fur. From the above, we in the rank and file have been issued a challenge for you only recognize the past National Commanders and Executive Committee members. Of course you did not sign your name to this "Challenge." Are you fishing for support from the Past National Commanders, so that you too may become a BRASS HAT or are you a BRASS HAT looking down on us poor BUCKS?

Sure these Past National Commanders and Executive Committee members have done a good job, but after reaching the TOP how many of them are still pitching for the old YD? You know I seem to have a bad habit of picking on the BRASS HATS. I even beat them at CRIBBAGE. I hope we still can have an honest difference of opinion and still be friends.

"Gentlemen there is nothing more deadly to a man than retirement—inertia is the decadent disease of old men." Right you are Pal. How many of our Past National Commanders and Executive Committee members have reached that stage? Look around Bud —have you ever attended a State Meeting?—have you ever invited these Brass Hats to attend some affair held by your chapter? How many are still pitching for old YD?

"What you need is more getting out and doing. Aye, take the wife and even the kids and meet the old gang."

Pal—I am one of those in the rank and file. Past Chapter Commander, Past Dept. of Mass. Commander—my wife and daughter are past presidents of Salem Ladies Auxiliary—my wife is Vice President of Dept. of Mass. Auxiliary and my daughter has

narried a YD of W. W. II and we are still pitching or YD. How many Past National Commanders can natch that? But of course your "Challenge" is not ssued to them. Remember the generals planned the battles, but the rank and file did the fighting. The bucks are still pitching for old YD.

By the way Bud, what is your name? I understood that all articles and such had to be signed. Have you got a drag?

I will bet doughnuts to crab apples as to whether this is printed or not. No hard feelings, friend—just an honest difference of opinion.

— Donald Duck Thibault of Salem.

MEMORIAL CHURCH AT BELLEAU

1st June, 1948.

14 Place Vendome, Paris

Dear General Sherburne:

As it must be so long since the YD Veterans Association has had any first-hand information about the Memorial Church at Belleau, I just want to report on a trip I took there two days ago on May 30th.

The primary object of my visit was to preside at the Memorial Day exercises in the cementery which was a very inspiring and touching affair attended by the Prefect of the Aisne, the Sous-Préfet, General Rivaud, Commanding General at Laon, the Mayors of Chateau-Thierry and Belleau, the Rector of Belleau, the Protestant clergyman from Chateau-Thierry, etc., etc. A troop of Moroccan spahis with their regimental cavalry band gave a very picturesque military touch. After the ceremony we all lunched at the Hotel du Bonhomme at Chateau-Thierry, where you remember we had our banquet at the time the church was inaugurated. Incidentally, the hotel itself was completely destroyed by bombing, but the same English proprietress gave us an excellent meal just the same.

I managed to get to Belleau over an hour before the ceremony started so that I could have a long talk with Mr. Veret, the Mayor, who is the son of the Mayor at the time the church was inaugurated. We were able to go over the church in detail with the masonry contractor, Mr. Pingat, whose bill I paid last week. They showed me the work that had already been completed and a few minor details which they recommended so that the job could be entirely finished. The stained glass has been completely repaired and looks in fine shape.

Apart from a few remaining shell scars in the walls which I told them to repair as I feared they might let water in, the only possible serious trouble may arise from the subsidence of the foundations under one corner of the vestry. This has led to cracks in the wall which I instructed them to patch up temporarily. The mason thought that the subsidence might not continue, in which case he believed that the patching up would be all that was necessary, but only time will tell.

I would like to tell you how deeply impressed I again was by the beauty of our church. The 20 years since it was built have tinted the walls so that the church looks as if it had been there for centuries. This impression is added to by the fact that the yew hedge around the grounds has now grown up into a solid wall which the superintendent of Belleau cemetery very kindly keeps neatly clipped. Furthermore the trees we planted have grown amazingly and the grass and paths inside the enclosure look neat and beautiful.

As to the interior of the church, it is quite intact. The register is on its stand and there is a constantly increasing number of visitors' signatures. The Memorial Book is also in its glass case. The bronze bas-relief of General Edwards, which as you know was hidden by the Mayor during the German occupation, is back in place, so that the whole effect is very striking.

After the lunch I was able to have a talk with the Abbe L'hoste, the priest of Belleau, and I asked him whether he had any suggestions regarding further equipment for the interior which I promised to sub-

mit to you if he would give me a list of this. He said the church lacks Stations of the Cross and that he would like to submit to me designs for these plus an estimate of what they would cost. He also said that he would very much like to have a confessional in one of the corners of the church as this was also lacking. Here again I asked him to submit a design and an estimate. All of these I will forward to you as soon as they are received.

My wife took several photographs of the church on Sunday and if they come out well, I will send them to you.

Please remember me to all my YD friends and am looking forward to seeing you next Fall.

Sincerely yours,
— Bernard S. Carter.

P.S. I forgot to tell you that Mr. Charton, the former Mayor of Belleau had planned to be present on Sunday but he had to leave Belleau owing to the death of his mother.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ft. Shafter, Hawaii
26 November 1948

Dear Mr. Smith:

It is a pleasure to hear from you. I am sorry that my hasty remarks were such as to cast unjust aspersions. Your article on second reading carries plenty of punch and the points are well chosen. My reaction, of course, to any hint that our fighting branch will take a back seat to any one is always automatic. I have heard too many smug, pay and-a-half air fighters prate about "roughing it" in the jungles of New Guinea. It has also been annoying to hear that the Merchant Marine gave its highly paid, patriotic sailors a thousand dollar bonus for making a trip into a combat area. More annoying has it been to see New Yorkers able to pay a dollar a drink night after night in downtown New York and also putting out seven hundred dollars a month rent on their Manhattan dwellings. Where did our infantry privates come in? They put up the fight and took the guff and muck and misery. In return they received the gratitude of the nation—the same gratitude that any wearer of the uniform received, whatever his job. That gratitude did not make up for the wages that the soldier lost; it did not buy him a car nor a house nor land—as it did the Revolutionary soldier. I have heard the civilian say, "He was a poor sucker to go in as a soldier. I got rich off the war."

Good infantrymen should be volunteers just like good airmen. Your generation saw college men and captains of industry fight on foot side by side with farm hands and laborers. My generation saw the gifted and the educated drawn from the ranks of combat on the ground to the air and the services. The results in combat were increased casualties and decreased efficiency. I landed in France with a dozen foot soldiers who couldn't make a 20-mile hike. Men unfit for any other branch landed in the infantry. Statistics taken during the war showed that Ground Force soldiers were smaller and less intelligent than Service Force soldiers or Air Force soldiers. We got the culls. Medics called our men stupid for wanting to get out of the hospital and rejoin their outfit. The easy way out was the safest and the most profitable. What is our next generation going to think of being an infantryman? The youngsters are not blind.

We are all aware of the power of the air arm and the terrible destructiveness of the atom. But all are not aware that only the combined and coordinated effort of the army, the navy and the air backed by industry is required to crush the onslaught that can be launched at us by a major power. Any hint to the people that a war can be won the easy way—the gentleman's way—will cause a slackening of effort that is dangerous to our security.

The inclosed magazine is forwarded partly as a matter of interest and partly to bear out my argument.

I remember you now from our last meeting and I know that you have our best interests at heart. I believe you will agree that we have a need to popularize the ground arms.

Since you are interested in the development of infantry doctrine I shall send you a few copies of the "Infantry Journal." The Commandant of the Infantry school would be glad to receive and study any suggestions for the improvement of our methods and equipment.

Please give my regards to Al McWade and our comrades of the 101st.

Sincerely yours,
— Jim Peale.

JIM McMAHON STILL HOSPITALIZED

Word has been received from 'Muleskinner' Lannas Boyd of Waterville, Me., that Jim McMahon, former Sergeant Major of Headquarters Co., 103rd Infantry, is still at the Togus Veterans Hospital and has had both legs taken off. All you fellows who knew Jim send him a card or a few lines.

OVERSEAS NOTES

Recently a letter was received from Frank Shaw with the U. S. G. Greece, as a member of the American Mission in Athens, Greece. He says: "Until last week I held the honor of being the only YD man to be in Greece, then along came Capt. William J. McCord whom I naturally was pleased to see."

"Captain McCord joined the 26th Infantry Division on 15 June, 1942 and was assigned to G Company, 104th Infantry remaining with that regiment until March, 1943 at which time he was transferred to the 328th Infantry as Liason Officer. He eventually became commanding officer of F Company, 328th Infantry. Upon being wounded on November 14, 1944, he was evacuated."

Notice to Chapter Commanders

The following resolution was presented and passed at the National Convention held at Providence, R. I. on June 26, 1948.

Be it resolved that the National Secretary is hereby instructed to cause to have published in the January issue of YANKEE DOINGS of each year a request to all Chapter Commanders to submit the names of candidates for National Offices for the ensuing year and that he is hereby instructed to publish these names and offices in the April issue of YANKEE DOINGS for that year.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

Nat. Commander: Ralph A. Turgeon, 50 Main St., Hatfield, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Michael J. Dell Isola, 34 Park Ave., Nashua, N. H.
Secretary: L. C. Horton, 25 Monmoth Rd., Manchester, N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Martin V. B. Colby
R. F. D. #1, Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Walter E. Moulton
144 Blodgett St., Manchester, N. H.

The last meeting of the Chapter was held on Dec. 8th and was called to order by P. C. Byam in the absence of the Commander.

Archie Vigeant was reported ill at home with the grippe.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the challenge of the editorial of February, 1948, in Yankee Doings by the Cleveland Chapter by sending the sum of $50.00 to the Association. Motion was made by Dr. Forrest A. Drury.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: John Meffen, 100 Grove St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde H. Norton, 27 Kingsbury Avenue, Bradford, Mass.

STATE MEETING

The Department has had two successful meetings since last I wrote. The one in Holyoke I was unable to attend. Not feeling so good. We of World War I are beginning to realize we are no longer the "tough 'D". It's going to be up to you fellows of World War II to do the night work and running around. Wish some of the Chapters who "long time no see" would show up.

Understand that a number of new Chapters are in the works. The National Commander has been with us the last two meetings. Hope you can make them all, Ralph.

In February, Beverly and March, Lynn. How about it, Danvers and Concord.

Department Commander Meffen may have more to say. See you in Beverly and Lynn.

— Clyde H. Norton,
Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Katherine Crokan
2 Pine Street, E. Longmeadow, Mass.
Secretary: Ann Valentine
1035 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

The December meeting of the Yankee Division Veteran's Association Auxiliary, Department of Massachusetts, was held in Salem on Sunday, December 5th. These meetings are getting more and more interesting, those of you who are among the missing better join us at the next one and get acquainted. You will be surprised to hear just what the Auxiliaries in Massachusetts are doing at the various hospitals. Lynn and Haverhill at Chelsea and Springfield at Leeds.

The new year will start in the various Auxiliaries soon — Haverhill has already elected their officers for the coming year. Springfield will do so at their next meeting on December 20th. May the new year bring a closer relationship between all the YDVA Auxiliaries and may the Department GROW, and GROW, and GROW. "CARRY ON"

BEVERLY

Commander: William H. Prest
776 Hale St., Beverly Farms, Mass.
Secretary: Daniel L. Haskell
406 Cabot St., Beverly, Mass.

On Monday evening, December 6th, eighteen members of Beverly Chapter sat down to an excellent Italian meat-ball and spaghetti, apple pie and coffee supper prepared by our Sergeant-at-Arms Spiridigliozzi and being assisted by Vice-Commander Prisby and Secretary-Treasurer Haskell. It was very well prepared and thoroughly enjoyed by all who were privileged to partake of the meal.

The monthly meeting followed. Brought to order at 8:00 P. M. by Commander Prest according to the ritual. All officers were present with the exception of Chaplain Heald who was absent with a bad cold. Reports of the membership and Treasurer were read and approved by the body. We have 47 paid-up members for 1948-49. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Commander Prest reported on the last Department meeting at Salem, stating that the sale of YD stamps was greatly responsible for the financial standing of the Department; that the YANKEE DOINGS was in the future to be printed by a Salem printer at a much lesser cost; that tickets on an automobile raffle were to be mailed to each member, with the revenue going toward the reorganization of the National Department. P. C. Standley reported at length regarding the formation of a National Guard Unit in Beverly, this presumably to be an Infantry Unit, and he made a motion that the Beverly Chapter go on record as being in favor of the formation of such a unit, and that the Secretary send a communication to the Beverly City Government, asking for their support for the project. Seconded by Comrade Runnals and voted.

The next meeting of the Chapter to be held on Monday evening, January 10th at 7:30 P.M., with moving pictures and a colation following the meeting. The Secretary to send post-card notices to the membership with instructions that each and every member send either a yes or no reply, so that an estimate can be made of the number to be served at the colation. A rising vote of thanks was given the supper committee. The Beret fine collection was very generous. Adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

— Daniel L. Haskell,
Secretary-Treasurer.

BOSTON

Commander: Anthony J. Rock
53 State St., Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The December Smoker was one of the best attended of the season, with a NEW LOOK in entertainment we are hoping with the help of our new Entertainment Committee Chairman, John M. Dennihan to bring something different every month: Our motto is Bigger and Better each month. William H. Mederos "The man with the mysterious fingers" presented unusual mysteries in Magic and held his audience spellbound for over an hour.

New members who have signed up recently from WWII are Paul R. Spinney, Special Staff (AGO), Div. Hqs.; Samuel Carmell (B, 101st Inf.) has renewed after over a year in Korea.

1st Lt. William L. Chew, Jr., formerly with Co. 'M' and Hqs., 104th Inf., WWII, sent in an application for membership recently. He is instructing in Infantry Tactics at the Chemical Corps School, Army Chemical Center, Md.

BOSTON BRIEFS

We are pleased to record herein the pages of Yankee Doings that one of our WWII lads did not only himself proud but has brought great honor to our Chapter. John Ridge, formerly with the 26th Division M.P. Co., and later with the 84th Division as Provost Marshal, when Ike found that he did not have so good a man in that Division as John. John Ridge, Officer Ridge, of the Boston Police Department, won for him-

self the Walter Scott and the Police Honor Medal, for exceptional bravery last January when he rescued an elderly man from a burning building in the West End of Boston. John suffered severe burns about his hands and arms and was laid up for a considerable time. Mrs. Ridge was Secretary to Guy Watts at the Boston Club and is now the mother of a lovely young lady. All of us here in the Boston Club express our best wishes to the three Ridges.

The cocktail lounge at the Boston Chapter is becoming quite the rendezvous for former YD men. Some of those who have dropped in are Dick C. Schmid of 1141 Hampshire St., Quincy, Ill. Dick is a former member of the 263rd Artillery Bn., WWII. Charlie Waterman, came in to look around and 'tip his hat'. Charlie is a YD man from the GREAT WAR. Also one of our strongest backers while he lived hereabouts. He is now a sales manager for a match company.

To you older members of the Boston Club, I would like to let you know through this column that, the place, The YD Club of Boston, looks more like 1920 than at any time since those memorial days when we first opened our doors. It is pleasant to drop in and recognize the lower floor as it was back in those good old days of the 100 cent dollar. We can thank those lads of the second Great War, who have worked hand and glove with the older members to get it opened up. To name a few of them, Al McWade, Dick Sullivan, Bill Connors, Col. Palladino, Ray McKenna and several others. They have furnished the spark that ignited the idea into a reality.

The Annual Military Ball was a real success. Thanks to Tim Doherty, another hard working WW II member. Tim organized a good working committee—but then not being satisfied, kept right after them and saw to it that they actually functioned as a committee.

FITCHBURG
Commander: Russell Aldrich
59 Fairview St., Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: James A. Smith
82 Charles St., Fitchburg, Mass.

The regular Monthly Meeting of the Fitchburg Chapter YDVA was held on Tuesday evening, December 14th, at the Club Rooms at 78 River Street. There were 35 members at this meeting.

The principal item of business at this meeting concerned the election of officers for the year 1949. The following men were elected: Commander: Bronislaw Amastae, S. V. Commander; James Meffen, J. V. Commander: James A. Smith, Secretary: Victor Bean, Treasurer: Robert O'Brien, Chaplain: Elvio Ruberti.

The new officers will be installed at the Annual Installation Dinner to be held at the Fitchburg Elks' Home on Saturday, January 8th. As in previous years, we expect a large turn out at this affair. By popular vote, the main course will be a chicken pie. The committee in charge of the affair has arranged for entertainment and this promises to be a party that no member will want to miss.

We hope to have the National Commander and his Sergeant-at-Arms as principal guests of honor and the installation will be conducted by the State Department Commander and his Sergeant-at-Arms.

That's all for now, gang. We hope everybody will be able to take in the Installation. See you then.

— Jimmy Smith,
Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD
Commander William Fisher
64 Wilbraham Ave., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Thomas E. Moriarty
69 Malden St., Springfield, Mass.

Well, election is over for the coming year. Luther Hackett was elected Commander. He is the first WW I member to hold the office. He was First Sergeant of Co. C, 104th Inf., and has been one of the hardest workers in the Club. Congratulations and good luck.

Other officers elected were Sr. V., Wm. F. Bolack; Jr. V., Harold C. Cleveland; Secretary, John Mitchell; Treasurer, Ben Johnson; J. Advocate, Thomas Crokan; Historian, William McCormick; Chaplain, Earl Winkley; Sgt.-at-Arms, John Lowe; Trustees Dennis Brunton, Tom Chadderton, Wm. Fisher, Ray Fuller and Bob Nash.

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Saturday night, Dec. 18th, was a gala night, a big crowd was on hand and enjoyed themselves. The affair was the Community Store Night. Sunday, the 19th, was also another busy day. We had our annual Christmas Party for the children of members. There were fifty present.

Don't forget the Installation on Jan. 15th at the Hotel Kimball.

Dues for the coming year are payable now.

Thomas E. Moriarty, *Sec.*

WORCESTER
Commander: Henry Contois
17 Knox St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Kenneth Erickson
1 Wall St., Worcester, Mass.

Now that our successful Christmas Party for the kiddies is over and our New Year's Party went over with a bang, we have about concluded a successful year. It is now time for us to start thinking of just who you want to nominate and elect as your officers for the coming year. Great thought should be given on this all-important occasion because remember your club and organization is only as strong as your officers. If they do their job well then our organization has advanced quite a bit for their term of office, if they do not do a good job then your organization has just marked time or even has fallen behind. I would like to take this opportunity to inform the members that we now have entertainment and refreshments after our regular monthly meetings.

Kenneth Erickson, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Albert J. Shabbott, 118 Bagley St., Central Falls, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Howard W. Hunt, 25 Greene St, Pawtucket, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Homer W. Poirier
39 Edgemere Rd., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

A brand new year, 1949, let's make it a banner year for the YDVA by the time the comrades of the Chapter have read this resolutions will have been made and broken, but it is never too late to make a resolution to attend the meetings more often and support the officers who are trying to keep the chapter on the go. The same old faces, the same old committees, they know how. Let's have some new ideas. New ideas mean more new activities; new activities mean more action. The executive branch of the chapter has been talking of having one social meeting to get together and talk things over. Come down to the meeting and let us have your ideas. The February meeting is an important meeting because of the nomination of officers for the 1949-1950 season. The membership committee should be in full swing at this time. Commander Poirier will have appointed his committee and full details will follow. Comrade Keough has donated a table to the chapter. Any more tables or easy chairs for the old men?

The sympathy of the Chapter is extended to Comrade Derry and wife whose son was killed in France. PFC Richmond E. Derry served with Co. C, 104th Infantry. The body was met at the train by Commander Poirier, Raymond S. Chase, Francis J. Keough, John L. Mallon, Edward F. Godin, Walter J. Misewicz, Earl E. Dearman, and John R. Moran. Comrades Mallon, Godin, Dearman, Keough, Moran and Misewicz were the bearers. Comrade Misewicz was in charge of the Chapter detail. The Sr. Vice Commander Walter J. Misewicz served in the same Co. and recently attended another funeral of our younger YDer's which was published in a recent Doings. The coincidence of the thing is that both comrades served in the same company and are buried in the same cemetery (Walnut Hill) directly opposite each other. One on one hill and the other on another hill facing each other. There will be more bodies of our younger YD comrades arriving home and I believe we of the old outfits are duty bound to participate in the arrangements. They gave their all, let us do our part.

Don't forget the meetings. Refreshments are always served after the meeting and then there is the Kitty. At the last drawing for the consolation prize Thomas H. Tremlett, absent, Leo J. Keough (Pooch) present.

P.S. you should have your Yankee Doings for the January meeting which will act as a reminder to attend the meeting as it will be the Department meeting and we expect our National Commander Ralph A. Turgeon to be in attendance.

— John R. Moran,
Secretary.

PROVIDENCE
Commander: Wilfred M. Bresette
84 Lexington Ave., Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Howard W. Hunt
25 Greene St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Providence Chapter meets the first Wednesday in every month. Visitors from other chapters are always welcome.

Well, Comrades, here we are in 1949. Another year is upon us. What are we going to accomplish this year? Providence Chapter, YDVA, is determined to keep as active as possible; to follow the principles set forth in our Preamble and to build up YD in Rhode Island, particularly in Providence, to the limit. How can it be done? — By all pitching in and lending a helping hand.

One of your New Year's Resolutions should be — "That I will try and attend as many meetings of the Chapter as I can and take an active part in it's affairs". How about it, fella's?

The February meeting on Wednesday evening, February 2nd, will be an important one. The nominating committee will bring in a slate of officers for 1949-50. It is your duty to see that only those qualified and able to do a good job are put in office.

All reports at this writing, indicate that our Annual Christmas raffle will be a smashing success. A beautiful basket filled with Turkey and all the fixin's and a bountiful supply of bottled goods is the prize.

Well, one of the few Community Service and Welfare projects undertaken by Providence Chapter, YDVA, was brought to a happy conclusion December 9th, 1948. The Electro-Glide Chair that was purchased by the Chapter was presented to The Community Work Shops, Inc. This organization is doing, and has done for a number of years, magnificent work in aiding the physically handicapped to get well and to become useful citizens in their communities. This worthy organization furnished Providence Chapter with case histories of a number of patients whom they thought qualified, who would and could make good use of the chair. They gave us permission to select the one we most wanted to have the first use of this chair. It was a hard decision to make because all the cases were so worthy, but we finally decided that Miss Barbara Smith of Rumford, R. I., should be the first recipient of the benefits of the chair. Barbara was present at the presentation and was more than pleased that she had been chosen. Barbara has been physically handicapped for most of her 18 years; she has undergone eight operations to try and correct her deformities and at long last the doctors now believe she will eventually be O.K. All the members of Providence Chapter, YDVA, wish her a speedy recovery and, thru this donation of the Electro-Glide Chair, hope that they have had a very small part in aiding her complete recovery.

The chair was presented by Commander Bresette and those assisting were P.N.C. Larry Cook; P.C. Ralph Whitman; Sr. Vice Commander John Mitchell; Comrade Ernest Gendreau and Nat. Ass't. Treas. and Secretary of Providence Chapter, Howard W. Hunt.

Our sincere good wishes go out to the following comrades of Providence Chapter, YDVA, who are on the sick list: Cliff Emmons, at Newport Naval Hospital; Dr. Edward K. Devine, ill at home; Ed Hird, now convalescing at home; George B. Pretat, seriously ill at home and Marshall Littlefield, ill at the Newport Naval Hospital. Here's hoping that you all return to good health, pronto!

Congratulations to Comrade Francis D. Finn, one of our good YD members, upon his elevation to the position of Purchasing Agent for Brown University.

YD Post No. 26, American Legion proferred a challenge to Providence Chapter, YDVA, to a bowling match. In their challenge they accused us of being boasters; that we were flatfoots; our knees were shaking and that we would need orderlies to push our wheelchairs to the bowling alleys and assist us in bowling. Despite these hilarious insults, we accepted the challenge. Well, Jr. Vice Commander Guy Kittredge and P.C. Jack Kelly, two members of Providence Chapter who bowl with YD Post No. 26 better watch out. When our team, led by P.C. Dave Davidson, the blond wizard, gets through with the team from YD Post No. 26, American Legion, their defeat will be so decisive that *they* will be the long-haired bozos; their knees will not only shake but will buckle. Who'll need the wheelchairs then? It's all in good fun though and may the best team win.

— Howard W. Hunt,
Secretary.

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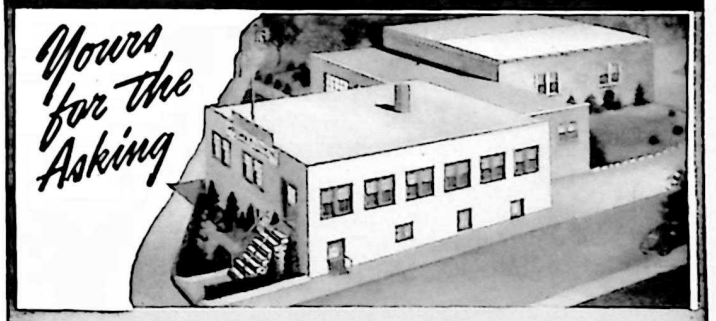

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Secretary: Ernest H. Lewis, Jr.
12 Cleveland St., Westerly, R. I.

This is the first time I have sent in a piece for the YANKEE DOINGS and I hope it is alright. The boys are all wondering why we don't see anything about our chapter in the mag, so I told them I would send it in this month.

The members and Auxiliary held our annual Xmas party Sunday and everything was sure swell including the stomaches, and what they didn't put away isn't worth writing about. Two of the men held a chow-hound contest, Ernest Mills and Sad Eye. Sad Eye came out second best. He held up for four full-course turkey dinners and then had to give up. Ernest Mills won by topping it all off with two pieces of apple pie.

Then the dining room was cleared and movies from the Ashaway Line and Twine Co. were shown. They were very good.

The meeting was held at three bells and the chairman of the house committee, S.C. Frank Wadsworth was thanked for the swell job of fixing up the new home. There were a lot of visiting members from Connecticut and Rhode Island present. The WWII members were kinda scarce tho. We would like to see a few of them Sunday, Dec. 12 when the State Meeting will be held here. So as one WWII member to another, let's get out fellows.

— Ernest H. Lewis, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer.

P. S. We took in a new member too, in fact there were two of them. One was Bepp Boumenot, a captain in A Btry., 101st F.A., WWII, and James Gencarelli, Cook, I Company, 103rd Inf., WWI.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Franklin Wadsworth, 11 Greenman St., Westerly, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Meeting called to order at 3:50 P. M. by Commander Wadsworth.

P.D.C. Fred Hirsch then reported the death of Mrs. Sam Marcus, wife of our Treasurer, Sam Marcus.

Sr. Vice Commander Pat Healey then reported that the body of Matthew L. Perry whom the New London Post is named in honor of had been returned to New London and given a YD Funeral. Pat reported a very nice turnout.

As there was not a quorum no business could be transacted.

P.D.C. John Carter reported on the Who's Who in Y.D. There has been a lot of progress but there is still a lot to do before the new Who's Who in Y.D. can go to press.

P.D.C. John Carter informed the meeting that Veteran's organizations can now purchase cigarettes through the V.A. to be distributed to the sick veterans in the hospitals at a fraction over six cents a package.

As the December meeting was not held at Newington where we were to distribute cigarettes Sr. Vice Commander Pat Healey who is chairman of this committee wished to have the Committee discharged. Commander Wadsworth requested Pat to hold over until March or April when we plan to visit Newington to distribute cigarettes. P.D.C. John Carter suggested the committee be given a vote of thanks.

Sr. Vice Commander Pat Healey invited the Dept. of Conn. to hold their State Meeting in New London in April. This invitation was accepted.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M. After adjournment a very nice supper was served by the ladies of Groton-Stonington Chapter.

January meeting in Norwalk. Place to be announced. February meeting in Meriden. Place to be announced. March meeting in Hartford. Place to be announced. April meeting in New London. Place to be announced.

— H. Leroy Woodcock,
Secretary.

BRISTOL
MONT SEC CHAPTER
Commander: Joseph B. Peters
P. O. Box #242, Plainville, Conn.
Secretary: Will N. Salladin
153 Goodwin St., Bristol, Conn.

Our last meeting, Dec. 10th, at the YD Camp in Plainville was well attended and a good time was had by all. Next meeting will be held the second Friday in January and will be known as our Xmas Party. The ladies will be hostesses to the men and put on a home cooked supper. Mrs. Karl Chase will be in charge, so you know it will be good.

Each member will bring a dollar gift for the women — and the ladies do the same for the men. We shake them up and grab—some fun.

Went down to the State meeting last Sunday with Commander Peters to see Groton-Stonington's new home. Boy, that is a real place. Had a good time except for the ride home in the rain. Too bad more of the Chapters did not attend. Our next big time here will be Scheichprey Day dinner at the YD Camp on April 16th. Keep that date free you Mont Sec members. A Happy New Year to all YD from the Mont Sec Chapter.

— Will N. Salladin, *Sec'y.*

HARTFORD
Commander: Harold W. Ellingwood
17 Folley St., Windsor, Conn.
Secretary: Carroll B. Case
23 Harvard St., Hartford, Conn.

The annual banquet will be held on Saturday, February 5th, with PNC Edgar F. Miller as general chairman. All reservations must be in the hands of John R. Edwards by January 15th so get on the ball and send yours in immediately.

You can help Howard Titus, membership chairman, by sending in your dues. Also to those who have not sent in their contribution for their YD Stamps please do so and help out the national organization.

At the December meeting all living past commanders were present as were many old members who had not been present for a long, long time. If you want a good time and to see many of the old gang come out of your shell and come to the next meeting which will be the first Thursday in February and the first Thursday of every month at the D.B.S. Hall, White Street, Hartford.

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The December meeting was chosen as 'Past Commanders' night and my gosh there wasn't a one missing. Each occupied a seat in a circle with Commander Ellingwood and his staff of officers. Someone mentioned there is the 'brass'. But looking out in that audience there was just as much brass as tin, many of both included.

Hartford has not been hitting the 'Yankee Doings' monthly but don't fool yourselves that they haven't been busy with good monthly meetings.

With Howard Titus, junior vice commander in charge of membership the chapter is going along very nicely.

Of any veterans, fraternal or any other organization you won't find the comradeship that exists in YD, and brother, I should know as I have cards in many.

Among those who have served YD in Hartford and some in the Connecticut Department and the National organizations are these past commanders: Ed Miller, Joe Foley, Bill Sullivan, John Costello, Ben Bourn, Herb Nelson, Jack Carter, John Goss, Paul Caravatt, John Curtin, our chapter poet, Harry Robertson, Leonard Fletcher and two swell fellows honorary past commanders Charles Perry, chairman of the executive committee since the chapter begain in 1935 and Col. Henry Beebe, a good old faithful treasurer who is always still in the parades when men 20 years or more younger say they are getting old.

Every meeting is well attended and it would be hard to pick out all who do plenty of work for the YD but the spirit is there among all. There wasn't too many long speeches but there is always enough to add good humor. That good husky gentleman Herb Nelson, always is able to give out many good stories, whereas this got the ball rolling for 'rubber legs' Caravatt and our former national judge advocate Vine R. Parmelee. Judge Vine gave a few yarns but it seems he is warming up for that annual big party in February.

Again the anniversary party that brings all the boys out is scheduled for Saturday evening, February 5th. Herb Nelson is again chairman and you know there's always enough done that keeps you waiting for the next. While I have not all the details on hand I hope these words reach our own Lieut. General Paul, National Commander Ralph Turgeon and the many other friends of YD.

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We are still one of the large YD chapters who still stick to having no auxiliary (this of course remains with our auxiliary president or charman William L. Sullivan, who says he can't fight fires as assistant fire chief and take care of the women all at the same time.) 'Bill' really is one of the youngsters of the local YD. Sometimes Bill acts more like a 'top' sergeant than his position of Asst. Fire Chief.

I mention this item because in the December issue of 'Yankee Doings' it is really a treat to see the photo of Catherine Crokan, president of the Massachusetts Department of YDVA Auxiliary and her staff of officers. To which 'Kit' I wish you many more elevations, success and health.

Has it ever occurred to you old timers that it is very close to 30 years since we were on our way back to the U.S.A. after World War I, and that from the original 26 thousand that was built to perhaps 50,000; that nearly one-half that amount has now passed on and that all we have to look forward to is the veterans of World War II. Of the first YD World War veterans we hardly passed one-tenth of the whole who became members of the YD Association.

Of the last conflict from which World War II veterans we must draw, there is scattered YD veterans perhaps in every state of this Country. Perhaps we cannot have 48 departments, but we can just as fast as local chapters are chartered make additional departments. With a national executive committee meeting held monthly since July, Ralph Turgeon, our National Commander, has been making accomplishments supported by a few past national commanders and other department and chapter commanders where reports are not just really read and accepted, but returned to a committee for better results.

To a great many YDers, the National Presidents of the past did everything possible within their power to keep the 'YD' alive, many of them turn up at recent national conventions just to express themselves in a few words of praise to the men now achieving success to the YD.

They laid the corner stone that makes 'YD' live today. In 1935 with the national convention held in New Haven, through the efforts of our late Past National Commander 'Len' Maloney, he took a courageous move, but to 'Len' he was right and the convention committee turned over to national headquarters $500. to help national Hqts. to continue.

Every year except three War years wherever national YD conventions were held every one helpd to build up the YD and each chapter managed to make its expenses and make a donation to the national to help its upkeep.

Those chapters who had the nerve to buy or build its own club house, however, fortunate know that annually dues don't do it, therefore Boston which has always been the national headquarters must have gone through many headaches in these many years.

With the additions to the Boston YD Club, they no doubt will be able to meet its own and national, through the Boston Club and will eventually be able to say that we have the best divisional headquarters in the Country.

I'll still stick to my opinion that chapters can be built up in Cambridge, Somerville and other suburbs of Boston and that by membership in YD they will all be a help, rather than an outsider. Let us work continuously for YD; encourage new members wherever they are to organize and join and stop the poison among chapters and individuals alike.

To those who are able to attend national executive committee meetings do so if you are a member of the committee while a few days hence the meeting will be in Springfield; those that follow are Boston, Mass., Jan. 23rd; New York City, Feb. 19th; Fitchburg, Mass., March 20th; Hartford, Conn., April 17th; (Not official, Manchester, N.H. in May and Boston the convention city in June.

— John J. Goss,
P.C. and Nat. Historian.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

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ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA

Enclosed is my buck for the YD Stamps. Glad to send this along and hope it will help a bit.

It might interest you to know that I have an all YD Chamber of Commerce here in Arcadia.

My Assistant Manager is Archie J. Bradley of the 104th Infantry and myself as Manager of E Co., 101st Infantry.

Our best wishes to the YDVA.

— William D. Libby.

BALTIMORE
Commander: Nelson A. Wright
1601 Pentwood Road, Baltimore, Md.
Secretary: George P. Harris
3940 Cloverhill Rd., Baltimore, Md.

Just completed reading the last issue of DOINGS and liked it very much, especially the letter from Colonel Peale. I thought it was a very well thought out view and quite parallel to my own. Nothing is impossible in this world and no one can foretell the future accurately, but if past experience is any criterian, the foot power soldier will be with us in the future as in the past.

Our heavy brass evidently sold themselves on the idea that the Infantry was obsolete, at least during the early months of the late war, and had to "unsell" themselves, but fast, when the chips were down. Auxiliary weapons come and go—are improved upon and are discarded—but so far, at least, no one has invented one that can take the place of the foot sloggers who can go anywhere and almost always do. More (foot) power to the Colonel.

The report from the Baltimore area this month is fair with the patient holding his own nicely. Had a most interesting meeting with Merton Winters last week at his home in Fullerton. The usual crowd was there, or to vary the report a bit, the usual number were there. Willis Hedges couldn't make it, due to night work, and Henry Kudzia also was absent. Pete Ebmunds made a come back from his recent disastrous 'miss out' at the Chicken Dinner last month, and Chuck Collins also did a come-back and a very welcome one. As for the rest, Commander Wright, George Sisson and yours truly made up the party. Refreshments and a right smart basketball game by Video made up the evening.

We surely would like to see more of the locals turn out, but can't seem to blast them loose.

— G. P. Harris.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
Ayres Hotel, Denver 3, Colo.
Secretary: Randell E. Ericson
832 Poplar St., Denver, Colo.

"It was the best meeting we've had for a long time," so said Homer G. Preston (Hqrs. Co., 102nd Inf.) at the close of the meeting. Eleven of us met at the Stewart Post for a swell Chinese Dinner. Chandler (102nd Amb. Co.) whom we had not seen for a long time, sported a new sombrero. Out for the first time was Sgt. Jennings (328th Inf.) now on duty at Fitzsimmons Hospital. Swille and Murray, both members of (101st Field Signal) had themselves a little private Bull session. Ericson and Ellis, both of (Co. K, 101st Inf. W. W. II) were present. It was good seeing Tursick and Johancen (B Co., 104th Inf., W. W. II) again. Vetter of Bty. C and Chapin of Bty. F (101st F.A., W. W. I) were much in evidence. Ray Norton of Bty. A (101st F.A., W. W. I) has promised to be with us in the future. Connors (39th Signal Co., W. W. II) up at Ouray sent in his dues and an extra buck for the kitty. Among those absent and missed were Dr. James Morris (Bty. B, 103rd F.A., W. W. I) and "Rocky", Albert W. Rockwell (Co. B, 102nd M.G. Bn., W. W. I).

DETROIT
Commander: L. L. Horvath
9055 Dearborn Ave., Detroit (17), Mich.
Secretary: P. J. Werner
7638 12th St., Detroit, Mich.

November 26 the Detroit Chapter met at our new diggings at the American Legion Building. Four new faces appeared—Bob Fairfield, Don Connolly, and Norman Silvers of the YD and a visitor, Bob DiVita of the 1st Marines. This was by far our biggest meeting to date. A hot letter written by Jack Giuttaud and mailed by yours truly did the trick. Incidentally a first class mailing once in a while is a good deal. I mailed out 223 letters and had a return of over 40. The majority of these returns were addresses furnished us from Boston of YD boys in the Detroit area. Shows that the addresses you furnish us can be all wet.

After the meeting there was plenty of beer and coke and cheese and crackers and the inevitable session with the pasteboards. Comrades Davis and Klein are elected to keep our room at the Vets' Building in good condition. When the new Veterans Center is erected here we want to be able to get in on the ground floor for a room—hence this action. Bouquets to Comdr. Horvath for lining up the room at the Legion Building for us.

December 23 we had our Christmas Grab Bag Party. Bouquets to those who attended and scallions to those who really had an excuse not to come or who were too lazy to put on their coats and get out in the cold. We had a visitor all the way from Maine, Graydon Murphy, and we hope he enjoyed it all.

There was beer galore, and pop, and chow. Bouquets to Comrades Klein, Matthews and Orlowski for bringing the food and particular thanks to Mrs. Orlowski for that oh so good kielbasa. Visitor Murphy of the Lewiston, Maine post promises us some good

Maine clams in the near future. We wanted to remember the three latest widows of Detroit YD boys so Christmas Eve Jack Guittaud delivered a present to Mrs. Dave Schwartz, Davis was Santa to Mrs. Charles Smith and I escorted a big box of candy to Mrs. James Pender. O.K. you boys up there?

And then came the pasteboards and beer! When I left it looked like all the players would have extra Christmas presents thanks to the generosity of Commander Horvath who kept pushing money to the center of the table and then kissing it goodbye. And so ended the last get-together of the YD Chapter for 1948. Our personal favor of Santa — little charges of T.N.T. to get these delinquent YD fellows off their dead ends to attend our monthly get-togethers at our new meeting spot. It's the fourth Friday of every month at the American Legion Building, Cass and Lafayette.

— Palmer Werner, *Secretary.*

NEW YORK
"Knickerbocker Chapter"
Commander: Dr. Joseph K. Surls
130 East End Avenue, New York 28, N. Y.
Treasurer: C. Alfred Kjelleren
20 Edwards Street, Baldwin, New York

Following out our plan of featuring one particular regiment at each monthly meeting, we had "101st Engineers Night" on Dec. 9th, and found it a very successful way to increase membership. Thanks are due our chapter secretary, Howie Clark, W. W. II, for the idea. Comrade Kalmer, W. W. II, and his Jersey Engineers were a very welcome addition to the audience, who heard a talk on the Chinese question.

The next meeting, on Jan. 12th, will be "Field Artillery Night." We cordially invite the lights and heavies from out of town to join us in paying our respects to the man behind the gun.

We also invite the out of towners to come to our Installation Dinner on Feb. 19th. Applications for hotel reservations sent to the chapter commander will receive prompt attention. It has been definitely decided to hold the activities of February 19th at the Hotel Lexington, Lexington Ave. & 48th St. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Members of the National Executive Committee please note that there will be a meeting on the same day at 3 P.M., at the same place.

— Robert J. Daly.

ST. LOUIS
Missouri Chapter
Commander: Ted Curtiss, WWII
4398 W. Pine Blvd., St. Louis 8, Mo.
Secretary: Fred Freeman
3949A Fillmore St., St. Louis 16, Mo.

Our last meeting was held Nov. 30. We had about half of our members show up. More are expected to turn out for our next meeting. The location of our gatherings has been changed from the Soldiers Memorial, to the Walter J. Hatzfeld Memorial Legion Post, at 4622 Olive street. Finding the new spot has caused a little confusion for some of our comrades living in the suburbs and on the outskirts of the city.

Paul Brading, "H Co.", W.W.II, was elected unanimously to the job of treasurer for the midwestern division of the YDVA. We figured that with a new wife and a large group of pupils on his hands, Paul would need some extra work to keep him occupied. Two of our regulars were absent for unavoidable reasons. Andy Gerwitz has a night class at "St. Louis University" and Fred Freeman took off for a week to honeymoon at "Lake of the Ozarks."

— Ted Curtiss.

Just can't get away from Fall River and New Bedford . . . and me in California, too! Just got some information that those two individuals with the maternal leanings, "Ma" Chabot and "Mother" Costa, were observed on Main street in Fall River—Chabot is still tossing around tasty morsels of food while Costa, who is still in uniform, had come home from Japan on a leave . . . Bob Dispirito (C Btry.) is still cutting hair and reports that suave Leo Levitre (C Btry.) had recently been married—Well, Leo? . . . "Sharpy" Aguiar (C Btry.) recently made the news-

papers when his picture appeared in the Fall River Herald-News in an ad for a furniture firm where he is one of their star salesmen . . . Furtek (Sv) is still around New Bedford—he was one man in the 180th who was never disturbed by anything . . . Charlie Cambra (Hq.) is also in New Bedford—Charlie related that Bickford (Hq.) who hails from Erie, Pa., was going to school preparing for a teaching career . . . Sartori (Sv) lives in Cambridge and is also going to school . . . News from Lawrence—Bill Enright, former Hq. 1st Sgt. who was married several months ago, now can be reached at Kap's, Essex street, Lawrence . . . Ralph Passarelli, former Bn. mail clerk, is now production manager of a toy firm in New Jersey . . . Johnny Johnson, former Hq. Btry. clerk, lives in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and is traveling Wisconsin, North and South Dakota for a paint concern . . . John Mulhern (Hq.) is now located at the VA office in Providence. — Bob Levey.

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PHILIP S. CORBETT, formerly with Supply Co., 101st Inf., WWI died at the Soldiers Home Hospital, Chelsea, Mass., on December 23rd. Funeral services on December 27th.

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RALPH HODGE and BILL KENNEALLY, both of Co. F, 101st Inf., WWI, died in Waltham, Mass., during December, 1948. No other details available.

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JOSEPH J. McNIFF, formerly of Co. H, 101st Inf., WWI, died suddenly December 26th while at Church. He was a member of the 101st Inf., Vets. Ass'n., the YD Post No. 290 A. L. and the Boston Chapter of the YD Vets. Ass'n. Legion services were held by the YD Post and funeral services were attended by members of the above organizations.

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CHARLES BARRY, formerly with Co. M, 104th Inf., WWII, died on December 7th, 1948. Burial was from his former home in Jamaica Plain, Mass.

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WILLIAM P. SULLIVAN, formerly with Co. B, 101st Inf., WWI, died suddenly Sunday, Dec. 12, 1948, at his home in Charlestown, Mass. Burial was on Wednesday, Dec. 15.

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JOHN P. JUDGE, formerly with Co. F, 101st Inf., WWI, died Dec. 18 at his home in Stoneham, Mass. Funeral services were on Tuesday, December 12.

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JAMES E. TRAVERS, formerly with Co. A, 101st Ammunition Train, WWI, died suddenly on Friday, Dec. 24, 1948. Burial services were held on Monday, Dec. 27th at West Roxbury, Mass.

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HENRY BENNETT, formerly of the Hdgrs. Co., 101st M. G. Bn., WWI, died of burns received in an industrial accident at Barre, Vt., November 16, 1948. There were no further particulars.

CHARLES DWIGHT KIRKMAN, formerly F Co., 102nd Inf., WWI, died suddenly on November 20, 1948 at his home in Cheshire, Conn. He was the Sr. V. Comdr., Feegel-Tyler Chapter YDVA in Meriden, Conn., and was fifty-three years of age.

The funeral was held Monday, November 22, 1948, in Cheshire. His remains were cremated at White Plains, N. Y.

He was affectionately known by us as "Teddy Roosevelt."

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WALDO F. ASHLEY, formerly Sgt. in Co. C, 102nd Inf., WWI and Regimental Adjutant of the 102nd Inf., 43rd Div., WWII, died December 1, 1948, at the Veterans Hospital in Newington, Conn. He was a member of the New Haven Chapter and his home was in Old Lyme, Conn., where he was buried on December 3rd.

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GUY E. WILLARD, formerly Hdqrs. Co., 2nd Bn., 101st Inf., WWII, passed away after a long illness on December 1, 1948. He had been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received while serving with the Division in France. He was a member of the Boston Chapter, YDVA.

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EDWARD BENNETT, formerly of the 2nd Bn., 103rd F.A., WWI, died suddenly in New York City of a heart attack, Friday, Dec. 3, 1948. He was buried with full military honors from the Blessed Sacrament Church. He was buried at Queens Cemetery, New York City, on December 6th.

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WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN, formerly of Co. A, 104th Inf., WWI, died Dec. 17th at the Malden, Mass. Hospital after a short illness. Bearers were all A Co. members, James C. Brown, John Findley, W. L. Wenzel, Ray Bean, Percy Young and A. D. Baxter. Interment was at Forest Glade Cemetery, Wakefield, Mass.

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